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Dr. F. W. Reichelderfer Chief, U. S. Weather Bureau Department of Commerce Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Reichelderfer:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to reply to your letter of 30 April (reference A-4.5). We shall be glad to accept four or more students at a time in our current Russian language program for scientific personnel.

This program consists of three two-hour sessions a week for approximately forty weeks. The first half is devoted to developing a familiarity with the structure of the language and with a basic general vocabulary. The second half is devoted to reading a wide range of scientific materials, with each student concentrating on materials related to his own field of scientific specialization.

We believe that the flexibility within the second half is sufficient to permit satisfactory instruction for your personnel, not only meteorologists but also other scientific personnel. I suggest, however, that you might wish to consider sending one person to participate in the scientific reading phase of the course now in progress (until mid-July) as a means of determining whether or not the present plan of our course meets your needs. A person selected for this sampling should have a basic knowledge of Russian grammar and of general vocabulary.

At this time, we are revising the content and duration of this course for scientists. The next course will begin on 15 September 1958, with the closing date to be yet determined. It probably will run through June 1959.

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Should you desire to enter someone in the current course, or to arrange participation in the course next fail, I shall be glad to have you communicate with our Director of Training, Mr. Matthew Baird, who will be glad to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely.

(signed) H. Gates Llovd

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